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Manufacturing Sector

India's total estimated employment in manufacturing industries showed a robust growth of 7.4 percent in the fiscal 2022-23 over the previous year.

Key Points

- ❖ **Released By:** According to the latest data by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), employment rose to 1.84 crore in 2022-23 from 1.72 crore in 2021-22 highest-ever increase in the manufacturing sector in more than a decade.
- ❖ **Top States:** The top five states employing the highest number of persons in this sector were **Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.**
 - These states together contributed about 55 percent of total manufacturing employment in the year 2022-23.
- ❖ **Main Drivers:** The main drivers of this growth in 2022-23 were industries like manufacturing of **basic metal, coke and refined petroleum products, food products, chemical products and motor vehicles.**

Terminal Illness- Draft Guidelines

The Health Ministry has issued draft guidelines outlining conditions for the withdrawal of life support in terminally ill patients.

What is Terminal Illness?

- ❖ Terminal illness has been defined as an **irreversible or incurable condition from which death is inevitable in the foreseeable future.**

- **Severe brain injuries with no recovery** after 72 hours are included in this category.

Guidelines

- ❖ The guidelines laid out **four conditions for passive euthanasia to take a "considered decision in a patient's best interests, to stop or discontinue ongoing life support in a terminally ill disease that is no longer likely to benefit the patient or is likely to harm in terms of causing suffering and loss of dignity."**
- ❖ The **conditions are:**
 - Whether the individual has been declared brainstem death,
 - If there is a medical prognostication and considered opinion that the patient's disease condition is advanced and not likely to benefit from aggressive therapeutic interventions,
 - Patient/surrogate documented informed refusal, following prognostic awareness, to continue life support and
 - Compliance with procedure prescribed by the Supreme Court.
- ❖ The **Draft Guidelines also state that doctors should take a considered decision to not start a life supporting measure in a terminally ill patient** that is unlikely to benefit the patient and is likely to lead to suffering and loss of dignity.
- ❖ The draft guidelines have not gone down well among the members of the medical Fraternity.

Person in News- Appointments

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| <p>Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh</p> | <p>He has been appointed as the new Indian Air Force chief.</p> <p>He was commissioned into the fighter pilot stream of the Indian Air Force in December 1984.</p> |  |
| <p>IPS officer Nalin Prabhat</p> | <p>He has taken over as a DG of Jammu & Kashmir Police.</p> |  |

Schemes/Initiatives

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| <p>Cruise Bharat Mission</p>  | <p>The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), launched the 'Cruise Bharat Mission' from the Mumbai port.</p> <p>Aim: It aims to propel country's cruise tourism industry by doubling cruise passenger traffic within five years; i.e. by 2029</p> <p>Implemented by: Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.</p> <p>Three phases: The mission will be implemented in three phases, beginning from 1 October 2024 up to 31 March 2029.</p> <p>The Phase 1 (01.10.2024 – 30.09.2025) will focus on conducting studies, master planning, and forming cruise alliances with neighbouring countries. It will also modernise existing cruise terminals, marinas, and destinations to enhance the potential of cruise circuits.</p> <p>The Phase 2 (01.10.2025 – 31.03.2027) will concentrate on developing new cruise terminals, marinas, and destinations to activate high-potential cruise locations and circuits.</p> <p>The Phase 3 (01.04.2027 – 31.03.2029) will focus on integrating all cruise circuits across the Indian Subcontinent, marking the maturity of the cruise ecosystem while continuing the development of cruise terminals, marinas, and destinations.</p> |
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Awards/Titles

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Dada Saheb Phalke Award</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Actor and former Rajya Sabha MP Mithun Chakraborty has been conferred the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024. ❖ He will be presented the award at the 70th National Film Awards ceremony on October 8, 2024. ❖ Dadasaheb Phalke Award was instituted by the government in 1969. ❖ It is the highest official recognition for film personalities in India and is presented annually by the President for remarkable contribution to Indian cinema. ❖ The award contains a shawl, cash prize of ~10 lakh as well as the Golden Lotus (Swarna Kamal). |
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Important Days/Dates

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| <p style="text-align: center;">September 30</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">International Translation Day</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Every year on September 30, International Translation Day is observed to honour the invaluable contributions of translators and language specialists worldwide. ❖ Theme: This year, the theme for International Translation Day is “Translation, an Art Worth Protecting: Moral and Material Rights for Indigenous Languages.” ❖ History: On May 24, 2017, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution that led to the establishment of this day. Eleven countries signed the resolution, recognising the significance of the work carried out by language specialists. ❖ September 30 was selected as a day to commemorate these experts because it is also the feast day of St. Jerome, who is credited with translating the Bible. |
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Military Exercises

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| KAZIND-2024 | <p>Joint Military Exercise between India-Kazakhstan</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The eighth edition of India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2024 took place in Uttarakhand. ❖ It has been held annually since 2016. ❖ Last edition of the Joint Exercise was held at Otar, Kazakhstan from 30th October to 11th November 2023. ❖ The joint exercise aimed to enhance the joint military capability of both sides to undertake counter-terrorism operations. ❖ The exercise focused on operations in the semi-urban and mountainous terrain. |
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Important News- Other States

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| Karnataka | <p>The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) inaugurated the new National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru. The world-class facility will now be called the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE).</p> |
| Madhya Pradesh | <p>The Madhya Pradesh government has classified heatwaves as natural disasters. This decision will take effect in the summer of 2025. With this initiative, people affected by the heat wave will also be able to get financial help.</p> |

Miscellaneous

- ❖ The Indian Army signed the **eighth procurement contract through the government's flagship initiative Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX)** in New Delhi. iDEX aimed to create an eco-system to foster innovations and encourage technological development in Defence and Aerospace by engaging Research and Development Institutes, Academia, and Industries including MSMEs, Start-Ups, and individual innovators.

